



The 2nd Sunday After the Epiphany

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Martin Luther King, Jr., one of the greatest American civil rights leaders, was born on January 15, 1929 and was assassinated on April 4, 1968. Since 1986, the United States has celebrated King's birthday as a national holiday on the third Monday of January. The Episcopal Church also commemorates the day of his death each year on April 4, as part of our liturgical calendar.

Holy Women, Holy Men (Church Publishing, 2010) explains that "King lived in constant danger: his home was dynamited, he was almost fatally stabbed, and he was harassed by death threats. He was even jailed 30 times; but through it all he was sustained by his deep faith. In 1957, he received, late at night, a vicious telephone threat. Alone in his kitchen he wept and prayed. He relates that he heard the Lord speaking to him and saying, 'Martin Luther, stand up for righteousness, stand up for justice,' and promising never to leave him alone – 'No, never alone.' King refers to his vision as his 'Mountain-top Experience.'"

On April 3, 1968, the day before he was murdered, King delivered a speech in Memphis, Tennessee, popularly referred to as "I've Been to the Mountaintop." The following are excerpts from that speech:

"We've got to stay together and maintain unity. You know, whenever Pharaoh wanted to prolong the period of slavery in Egypt, he had a favorite, favorite formula for doing it. What was that? He kept the slaves fighting among themselves. But whenever the slaves get together, something happens in Pharaoh's court, and he cannot hold the slaves in slavery. When the slaves get together, that's the beginning of getting

out of slavery. Now let us maintain unity. ...

"We're going to march again, and we've got to march again, in order to put the issue where it is supposed to be – and force everybody to see that there are thirteen hundred of God's children here suffering, sometimes going hungry, going through dark and dreary nights wondering how this thing is going to come out. That's the issue. And we've got to say to the nation: We know how it's coming out. For when people get caught up with that which is right and they are willing to sacrifice for it, there is no stopping point short of victory. ...

"We've got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn't really matter with me now. Because I've been to the mountaintop. I don't mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life; longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land. So I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

Collect for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your Church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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All Souls' Episcopal Church Annual Congregation Meeting



Please join us in Taylor Hall on **January 27** after the 10:30am service for **the Annual Congregation Meeting** which will be presented by the members of the Vestry. The meeting will be a time to reflect on our congregation's accomplishments over the past year and for the Vestry to present its plans for 2019. Please join us and let your voice be heard on way to shape the future of All Souls'. Brunch will be served.

Stewardship Opportunities at All Souls'

During this exiting time of transition, we have **numerous stewardship opportunities** to donate your talents and time to our Church Community. Stewardship is rooted in the belief that we have all inherited wonderful and unique gifts from God. This recognition of our giftedness leads to a life of gratitude and desire to share our gifts with our family, church and community. This year, these opportunities will also include **two vacant positions in our Vestry**. Prior to the annual meeting, please **consider any nominees (yourself included) to fill these positions**. Feel free to speak to any of the current Vestry members about nominations or any questions you may have about these **integral leadership roles in our congregation**.

Egg Sunday: Boiled Eggs for the Homeless

February 17th is our next monthly opportunity to extend our hospitality as an act of outreach and inclusion to those whose life circumstances have rendered them homeless and often hungry. Last month we collected a total of 26 dozen eggs. This was indeed a great achievement for our parish. **We encourage you to bring as many hard-boiled eggs as you are able** so that we may continue to play a part in one of downtown Miami's **Feed My Sheep feeding programs**.



Search Corner Information

The Search Committee has completed its review of the OTM Profiles and Resumes of potential candidates who applied to be the next Rector of All Souls'. It has received Bishop's Eaton's blessing, and has begun planning and **setting up interviews with the three final candidates**. Please keep us in your prayers as we move forward in this very important process.

Hospitality

If your surname begins with S - Z, a reminder that there is an opportunity for you to provide a much-needed food item for our hospitality next **Sunday, January 27th**. Please check with Joyce Foreman this morning and ask her what she needs for next Sunday. **Items needed usually are a starch (pasta, potato, etc.), a meat, a salad, a vegetable and a dessert.**



Prayer List

We are continuously updating our church's Prayer List. If you would like to add the name of a loved one, a place, an organization an event or a situation to the Prayer List, please email us at: parishoffice@allsouls.org

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Epiphany Season

All celebrations and/or events are held at All Souls' Episcopal Church unless otherwise noted

January 20th
The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany
Holy Eucharist 8:00 am
Sung Eucharist 10:30 am

Saturday, January 26th
Centering Prayer
All Souls' Episcopal Church 10:30 am

January 27th
The 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Holy Eucharist 8:00 am
Sung Eucharist 10:30 am
Annual Congregation Meeting 11:45 am

Saturday, February 2nd
Centering Prayer
All Souls' Episcopal Church 10:30 am

February 3rd
The 4th Sunday after Epiphany
Holy Eucharist 8:00 am
Sung Eucharist 10:30 am

We Hold in Prayer †

For peace throughout the world.

Nicklaus Children's Hospital's staff and patients.

For Healing:

Baby Ailia, Bob, Bobby, Bronwen, Carmela Dana, Daphne, Darryl, Dennis, Gary, Glen, Greg, Rafael, Jim, Karen, Deacon Katon, Ken, Reverend Kleban, Lily, Malu, Nellie, Obie, Paul, Rafael, Ray, Richard, Rick, Rito, Rose, Santos, Sheila, Bishop Sturdie, Tania and Tony.

All Hospice and Palliative Care Units.

The dying and those who watch and care for them and mourn for their loss.

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen †

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